

February



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Groundhog Day	3 Look for cardinals resting in trees or sitting at your birdfeeder. Soon they will begin their spring songs.	4 Halfway Point of Winter – Think Spring!	5	6 Great horned owls nesting.	7 Coyotes begin mating. Sometimes they will use abandoned badger, woodchuck, fox, or skunk burrows to make their dens.
8 Paper was invented by the Chinese around 105 A.D.	9 Full (Snow) Moon	10 Are there buds on the branches yet? Look closely with a magnifying glass.	11	12 Can you name three ways trees keep you warm in the winter?	13 First magazine in America produced (1741). How many trees does it take to make the paper for one magazine?	14 Valentine's Day Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB) Grant Submission Deadline
15	16 President's Day	17 Arbor Day Poster Contest for 5th graders entries due. This year's theme: <i>Trees are Terrific . . . in Cities and Towns!</i>	18 Maple sap flows when day temperatures are above 40 degrees. Can you use three words to describe maple syrup?	19	20 Time to build a birdhouse.	21 Fun Forestry Fact: The sugar maple was selected to be our State Tree in 1893 in a vote by schoolchildren across Wisconsin.
22	23 National Invasive Weed Awareness Week (Feb 23-Feb 27)	24 Bobcats and mink begin mating.	25 Listen for the arrival of Canada geese.	26	27 Name four birds that live in the forest.	28 Learn an outdoor skill. You never know when it may come in handy!
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Wolves and their Pups

By Hannah Toland

Wolves are my favorite forest animals because they look very soft and they are many different colors. Most wolves look different and have different colors. Some wolves have very thick fur and some have thin fur. I like the ones with the thick hair. I also like wolves because they look like dogs and they are related to dogs.

Wolf's babies are called pups. Pups remind me of puppies because they look a lot like each other. They probably look alike because they are related. Pups like to play with other pups. Wolves and their pups live in dens underground. Wolves have to dig tunnels that lead to their den. Each tunnel is about as long as a car.

Wolves stay in packs. A pack is a group of wolves. In packs they hunt together and live together. In each pack there is a leader. The leader is stronger than the other wolves. The leader is in charge. Some wolves don't live in packs but most of them do. In packs there is about fourteen or less.

These are all the reasons why wolves and pups are my favorite forest animals.

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